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leave to inform the Com
of his arrival at this Po

that he is now present
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CONSIGNMENTS per Company's S.S.
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 cargo is being stowed into Cattle
 and the holdstows of the Undersigned, it
 will be at Consignee's risk. The
 cargo will be ready for delivery from Cattle or
 holdstows.

be subject to Rent.
BUTTERFIELD & S

827 Hongkong, 30th May, 1877.
STEAMSHIP AMAZONE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
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(CONSIGNES.) Cargo per Steamer **AMAZONE**, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby intimated that they are being landed and taken to the respective consignees, and that their risks at the Company's and Consignees' delivery may be obtained immediately on the above Steamer's discharging.
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 Bills of Lading will be countersigned Undersigned.
 Goods remaining undischarged after TO-DAY, the 4th June, next, will be re-warehoused and landing charges.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 H. DU PONT.
 827 Hongkong, 30th May, 1877.
GERMAN BARQUE A. E. VIDAL
HAMBURG.

are hereby requested
of Lading to the Und

G. L. Terraports, and to take immediate effect their Goods.
N. Cargo impeding the discharge of the will be landed and stored at Consignee's expense.
WIELER & Co.
824 - Hongkong, 30th May, 1877.

GENL. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
THE BRITISH SHIP WESTERN FROM LONDON.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are requested to send in List of Lading to the Underwriters for signature, and to take immediate effect their Goods.
BARGE Cargo impeding the discharge of the will be landed and stored at Consignee's expense.
MAYER & Co.
7d FIO Hongkong, 28th May, 1877.

Co. FROM LONDON-PENANG SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship *Eloin* having arrived at the above Ports, Consignees of her are hereby informed that their being landed at their risk, by the Union and stored in their Godown, unless the Warf or Bosta delivery may be ordered.
Optional Cargo will be sent on unless notices to the contrary is given 8 P.M. TO DAY.
Goods remaining undelivered after promissio will be subject to return.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be counter-signed JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
7d 805 HONGKONG, 26th May, 1877.

CO. BARQUE HOPE, FROM LONDON.
VESSEL THE SHIP *Hesperus*, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in List of Lading to the Underwriters for signature, and to take immediate effect their Goods.

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BIRTH.

At Hongkong, on the 28th instant,

Mrs. F. S. de ROSA, of a Son.

On the 30th April, at the Hongkong Dispensary,

of Honolulu, LUIS JAMES GILMAN, aged 67.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 31st, 1877.

A CORRESPONDENT, signing himself "S,"

draws attention to the Tung Wah Hospital

Committee and their alleged interference in a

case lately heard in the Police Court. As this

body has thus again been brought before the

notice of the public, it may be as well to ask

once more what good the Hospital is doing

and what are its real uses? A hospital, how-

ever, is a place where the sick are treated.

At any rate they get good food, fairly

clean and good accommodation, and even

luxuries in a Chinese point of view, such

as they cannot get anywhere else. As to the

treatment, it amounts to non-interference,

the prescriptions for the most part are com-

posed of simples, which might be eaten in

any quantity. As a hospital, therefore, ac-

cording to European notions, it must neces-

sarily be regarded as a failure, though it

may readily be admitted that it ac-

complishes some good, chiefly in the per-

formance of vaccination. But these results

have been attained, it must be remembered,

after the grant of large sums of money, and

the extension of Government patronage and

support. It is very questionable whether

such an institution deserves Government sup-

port as a hospital, however much it might

merit aid as a poor-house or asylum.

Had the Committee of the Tung Wah

Hospital confined themselves to the proper

management of the institution, however, it

would doubtless have escaped any very severe

criticism. But their legitimate duties have

been, almost from the first, regarded as sub-

sidary to the administrative functions which

they have occasionally assumed by virtue, it is

to be supposed, of their connection with a

Government office. Soon after the Hospital

was first founded, warnings were given in

these columns that the Committee had this

tendency, but they were disregarded. It

was not long, however, before it became ap-

parent that the Hospital was engaged in

very different work to treating patients,

and was in fact the headquarters of

the purpose of taking steps to manage

a variety of matters in their own way.

Little by little it became obvious to the

community that the Tung Wah Hospital

Committee were endeavouring to set up an

imperium in parva in the Colony. They

have constituted themselves intermediaries be-

tween their countrymen and the Government.

They take cognisance of all local affairs, no

matter what, give advice, pour denunciations

on the Government as representatives of the

Chinese community, and generally act more as

a city corporation than as a hospital com-

mittee. It may be argued that, so long as the

Chinese are otherwise unprotected, there is

no great objection to the Tung Wah Com-

mittee exercising the powers they have arrogated

to themselves. And to those who know nothing

of the Chinese character this argument may

appear to possess a certain amount of plausi-

bility. But the institution was founded for

a certain purpose, was backed up by and

received pecuniary aid from the Government

for that specific object, and when the Com-

mittee are found diverting their energies to

other and outside matters, it is time to com-

plain. *Ne ultra crepidam* is an adage

that applies to the present case. The Tung

Wah Committee were appointed to look after

the hospital; let them not go beyond it. They

have no status in any other capacity—no

claim to represent their fellow countrymen.

There is, moreover, never any likelihood

of the Chinese being without means of

making known their opinions or wants

to the Government. Prior to the establish-

ment of the Tung Wah Hospital there was

some kind of organisation by which the

native community was represented, and there

is no doubt that it would be so again if the

Government refused to recognise the Tung

Wah Hospital Committee in any capacity

save in connection with that establishment.

It is most inadvisable that a hospital should

become the focus of a secret influence. It

may be exerted for good or for evil, but in

any case it does not do to place faith in

any occult power, especially when vested in

Chinese hands. And it is very certain

that the Tung Wah Hospital Committee have

contrived to obtain a great deal of authority

over the ignorant natives, many of

whom actually believe that the Committee

have received delegated powers to decide all

matters connected with the Chinese popu-

lation. It is to be hoped that His Excellency

the GOVERNOR will throw cold

water on the pretensions of this assuming

body, who sadly need a check.

The N. C. Daily News says the London

General and Chinese Consulate, with new

season's dress. Wearing out to sea on

the afternoon of the 25th.

The following telegram, received by the Com-

mandant-General for the Netherlands at Singapore

the war in Acheen, is published in the

Strait Times.—"Expedition against Langkat

has been ordered to be put on foot."

The appointment of Mr. John Pope Hen-

ness as Governor and Commander-in-Chief

of Hongkong and its dependencies was an-

nounced in the *Chinese Times* of the 17th inst.

The Market for Chinese goods is ex-

ceeding lively. There have been large sales,

and prices are high. For example, a lot of

tea, valued at 100,000, was sold for 110,000.

For really good tea, however, the

prices are even higher. The current value

of the new tea comes forward at 110,000.

There have been reports of bad

weather for the European crop, but prices have

not responded.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Ellis

Gilman, on the 28th April, at the age of sixty-

seven. Mr. Gilman was a partner in the firm of

Messrs. Ashton and Co. in the China trade,

which first he joined in 1850. Previous to that

he had been a resident in the Straits for eighteen

years, and was for some time partner in the

firm of Hamilton, Gray, and Co. Singapore.

For some years he had been in failing health,

and his attendance to business had become

unregular.

The latest mail advices received here were

dated February 23rd, Singapore 15th, March 23rd,

Manila 12th, Hongkong 15th, Batavia 15th, Yok-

ohama 12th, Singapore 15th, Cebu 23rd.

The French mail, via Marseilles, with the

advice dated above, from China and the Straits

was received on the 23rd inst. It was a

very interesting one, and contained much

information. The Japanese mail, via San Francisco, per

the *California*, dated 17th April, was received on

the 23rd inst. It was also very interesting,

and contained much information. The

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